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Applicants: IKEDA, et al.

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For: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
AND A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted with the new application.

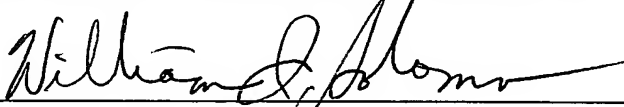
Although one of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by the discussion of the documents in the specification, for example, on page three (3).

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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